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GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

A PURPOSE OF SECTION C

The purpose of Section C is to describe the ARS policies, procedures and responsibilities for implementing the ARS Industrial Hygiene Management Function.

The objective of the function is the development and implementation of program activities designed to recognize, evaluate, and control environmental conditions or stresses arising in or from the workplace

which may cause sickness, impaired health, significant discomfort, or inefficiency.

The scope of the industrial hygiene is threefold. It begins with the search for and recognition of actual and potential health problems within the workplace. One of the more frequently encountered causes of problems is: chemical, biological, or physical agents being handled or used in the workplace.

The second area is that of evaluation. The workplace must be evaluated in terms of existing conditions and practices that may adversely effect employees' health. This can be accomplished by designing strategies for collecting information, reviewing historical experiences, and conducting quantitative studies at the worksite.

Finally, industrial hygiene includes the development of procedures for eliminating existing or anticipating/

preventing new occupational health problems. Many times these control procedures are devices, methods, and practices which abate, limit, reduce, and prevent hazardous exposures.

B APPLICABILITY

The contents of this section are applicable to all missions under the direction of the ARS Administrator whether accomplished by ARS personnel, cooperators, or contractors within ARS. Exceptions to the provisions of the programs listed require Office of the Administrator approval. Waivers must be documented and copies furnished to the next higher management level. In all instances, however, program coverage consistent with the intent of the pertaining provision will be provided.

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The ARS Industrial Hygiene Management Function consists of the following programs:

1 Industrial Hygiene Survey Program

2 Asbestos Management Program

3 Hazard Communication and Community Right-To-Know
Program

4 Laboratory Safety Standard Program

5 Hearing Conservation Program

6 Confined Space Program

7 Respiratory Program

8 Chemical Hygiene Program